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1. SUMMARY. CONSULATE/USIS IBADAN PREPARED FOR FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS IN WAKE ATTACK ON LAGOS EMBASSY. AMCIT DISCOMFORT LIMITED SO FAR TO ISOLATED INSTANCES HARRASSMENT ON CAMPUS. WE ARE PREPARED ACCOMODATE THEM OFF CAMPUS IF NECESSARY. MANY NON-YORUBA'S

LEAVING AREA. RUMORS AND ANTI-AMERICAN APPEALS ABOUND. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ATTACK ON US EMBASSY AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION LAGOS YESTERDAY, CONSULATE, USIS BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION AND BRITISH COUNCIL IBADAN HAVE PREPARED FOR FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS ORGANIZED BY LOCAL UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS. POLICE ON WATCH, AND APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN.

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SITUATION HAS REMAINED QUIET THROUGH 1500 HOURS LOCAL FEBRUARY 18.

CONSULATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH ARE LOCATED DOWNTOWN AND MAY BE INACCESSIBLE DURING DEMONSTRATIONS, HAVE BEEN AUGMENTED BY EQUIPMENT INSTALLED PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S RESIDENCE IN QUIET SUBURB. THIS IS DESIGNATED ALTERNATE E&E COMMAND POST, WITH VHF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS TO USG OFFICIALS IN IBADAN AND HF DELTA NET RADIO LINK WITH ACCRA, KADUNA, AND LAGOS. CALL SIGN 627ALPHA.

3. WE HAVE CONTINUING INDIVIDUAL REPORTS OF AMCITS BEING HARASSED ON UNIBADAN CAMPUS BY STUDENTS ALLEGING CIA INVOLVEMENT MOHAMMED'S DEATH, BUT NO REPORTS OF INJURY OR PROPERTY DESTRUCTION. WE CONTINUE ADVISE AMCITS ON CAMPUS REMAIN HOME EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESS AND AMCITS OFF CAMPUS AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL INTO TOWN OR AROUND CAMPUSES. SEVERAL

AMCITS AT UNIVERSITY HAVE REQUESTED CONSULATE ARRANGE THEIR TRAVEL BACK TO UNITED STATES. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THIS NOT POSSIBLE SINCE AIRPORTS AND BORDERS CLOSED, BUT ADVISED IF THEY FEEL IN PERSONAL JEOPARDY THEY SHOULD SEEK ACCOMODATIONS WITH FRIENDS OFF CAMPUS, IITA OR CONSULATE/USIS PERSONNEL. NO ONE HAS YET TAKEN OFFER OF IITA OR USG PERSONNEL HOUSING. IF NECESSARY, ESTIMATED SEVENTY AMERICANS ON CAMPUS CAN AND WILL BE HOUSED OFF CAMPUS WITH IITA AND CONSULATE/USIS.

4. MUCH OF HAUSA COMMUNITY LOCATED SABO DISTRICT IBADAN HAS PACKED UP AND IS MOVING NORTH, DESPITE OFFICIAL APPEALS TO REMAIN CALM AND IN PLACE. SIMILARLY, SOME EASTERNERS, MOSTLY DOMESTIC EMPLOYEES, WERE TAKING FAMILIES HOME.

5. RUMORS ABOUND. MOST RECURRENT AMONG THEM ARE (A) THERE WILL BE HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCH FOR ALLEGED ASSASSIN DIMKA, WHICH MEANS EXPOSURE OF HOUSEHOLDERS TO LICENSED BRUTALITY BY SOLDIERS; (B) AMERICAN EMBASSY LAGOS HAS ADVISED ALL AMCITS LEAVE UNIBADAN CAMPUS (WE THINK WE

HAVE SQUELCHED THAT ONE); (C) PROMINENT LOCAL LEBANESE BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH COUP WAS PARTIALLY SUBSTANTIATED BY ARTICLE IN FEBRUARY 18 LOCAL NEWSPAPER; AND (D) GOVERNOR JEMIBEWON WAS TO HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED ON FEBRUARY 13 BY UNNAMED MAJOOI WHO GOT COLD FEET AT LAST MOMENT.

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6. NEWSPAPERS CARRY ANTI-US AND ANTI-BRITISH APPEALS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, SOME OF WHICH SEEM TO HAVE SPRUNG UP AS SUPERPATRIOTS IN WAKE OF COUP ATTEMPT. CONSISTENT AMONG THEIR DEMANDS

IS EXPULSION ALL AMERICAN AND BRITISH CITIZENS AND CONFISCATION ALL BUSINESS-INCLUDING PETROLEUM PRODUCTION-OWNED BY THEM. ASSOCIATION IBADAN UNIVERSITY TEACHERS ISSUED MORE MODERATE APPEAL THAT "ALL FOREIGN NATIONALS, ESPECIALLY BRITISH AND AMERICAN NATIONALS,

BE KEPT UNDER STRICT SURVEILLANCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE".
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